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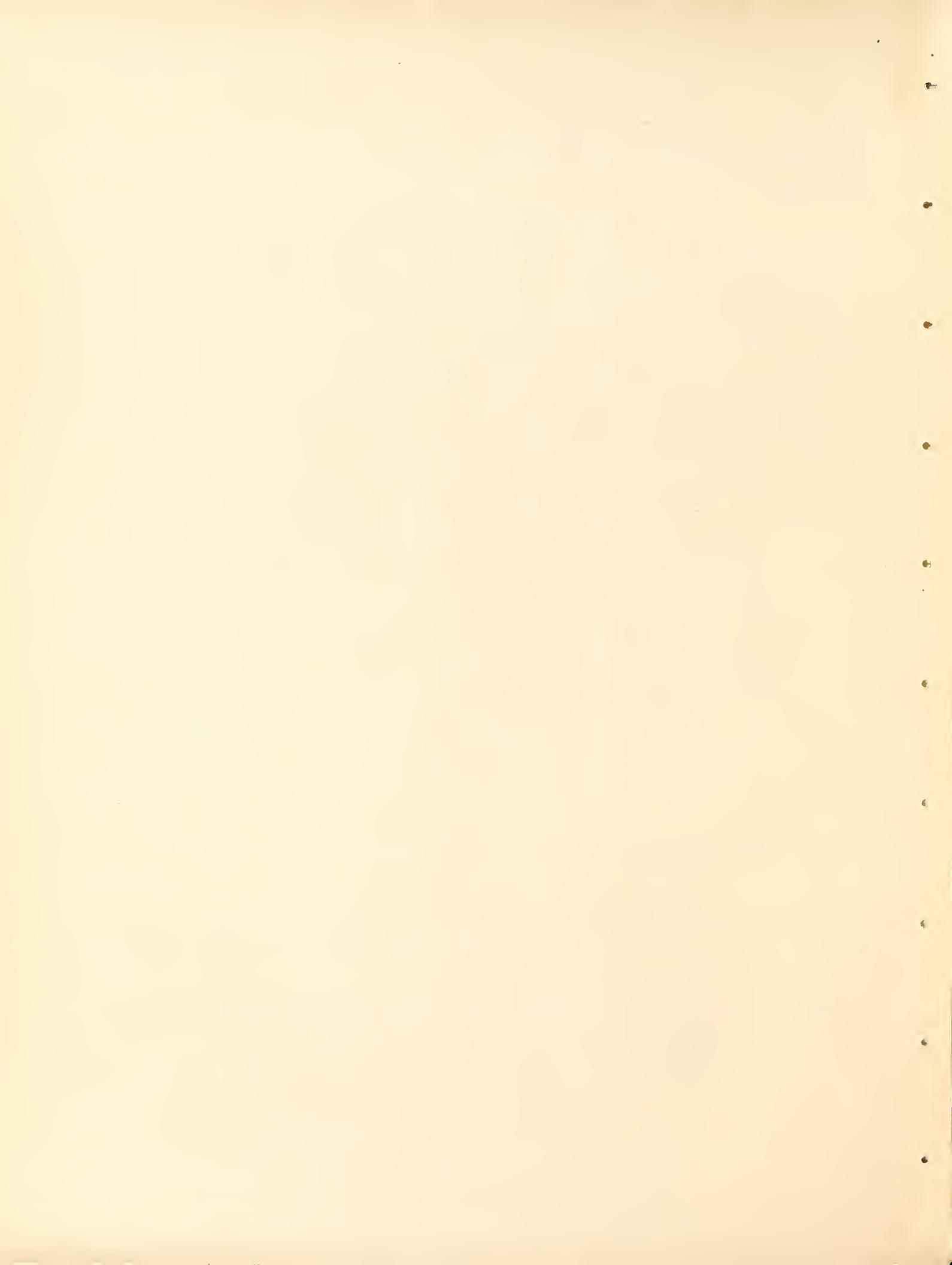
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Among the many causes of forest fires listed by the United States Forest Service there is one that is sometimes fraught with great peril to firefighters and forest officers -- that is electric power lines. On not a few occasions very distressing accidents have happened to fire fighters. Not suspecting the cause of the fires they have run afoul of charged wires. The Forest Service therefore has issued stringent regulations regarding the clearing and maintenance of power line right of way on the National Forests in order to protect the public, the forest employees, and the forest itself from the fiery menace of the "hot" wires. Every forest ranger whose district is crossed by an electric power line is required to watch carefully the condition of power lines and to strictly enforce the regulations regarding them. On the Pine Cone Ranger District a power line has recently been built by the Bremolette Irrigation Company and Ranger Jim Robbins has had some administrative problems as a result of it. Today we find Rangers Jim Robbins and Jerry Quist facing a new and serious one. -- Here they are --

JERRY: Good morning Mrs. Robbins. Where's Jim?

BESS: He hasn't come down yet. The storm last night kept him up most of the night --

JERRY: You know I thought I heard it storming last night but I wasn't sure --



JERRY: Jerry quick you don't want to say you mind though all
that wind and thunder and lightning.

JERRY: (LAUGHS) I'm afraid I did it Jerry was mad at it.
Well Jim had to cut up three different trees and fasten
twigs down to keep them from blowing over. Mr. J said
I could sleep like that.

JERRY: Boys come him over. (DOOR OPENS)

JIM: (DISAPPOINTED) Well — guess I overslept this morning. Some
storms last night — thought it was going to blow everything
away.

JERRY: Don't worry about raised trees now —

JIM: — that's the trouble — lot of lightning and not much rain.
Have the lookouts reported yet?

JERRY: Not yet — I've often seen a 'clock too.

JIM: Suppose you call me up while I go back for breakfast.

JERRY: All right.

JIM: (OFF) Tell him to keep on hearing voice today.

JERRY: You bet! (DOOR SHUTS)

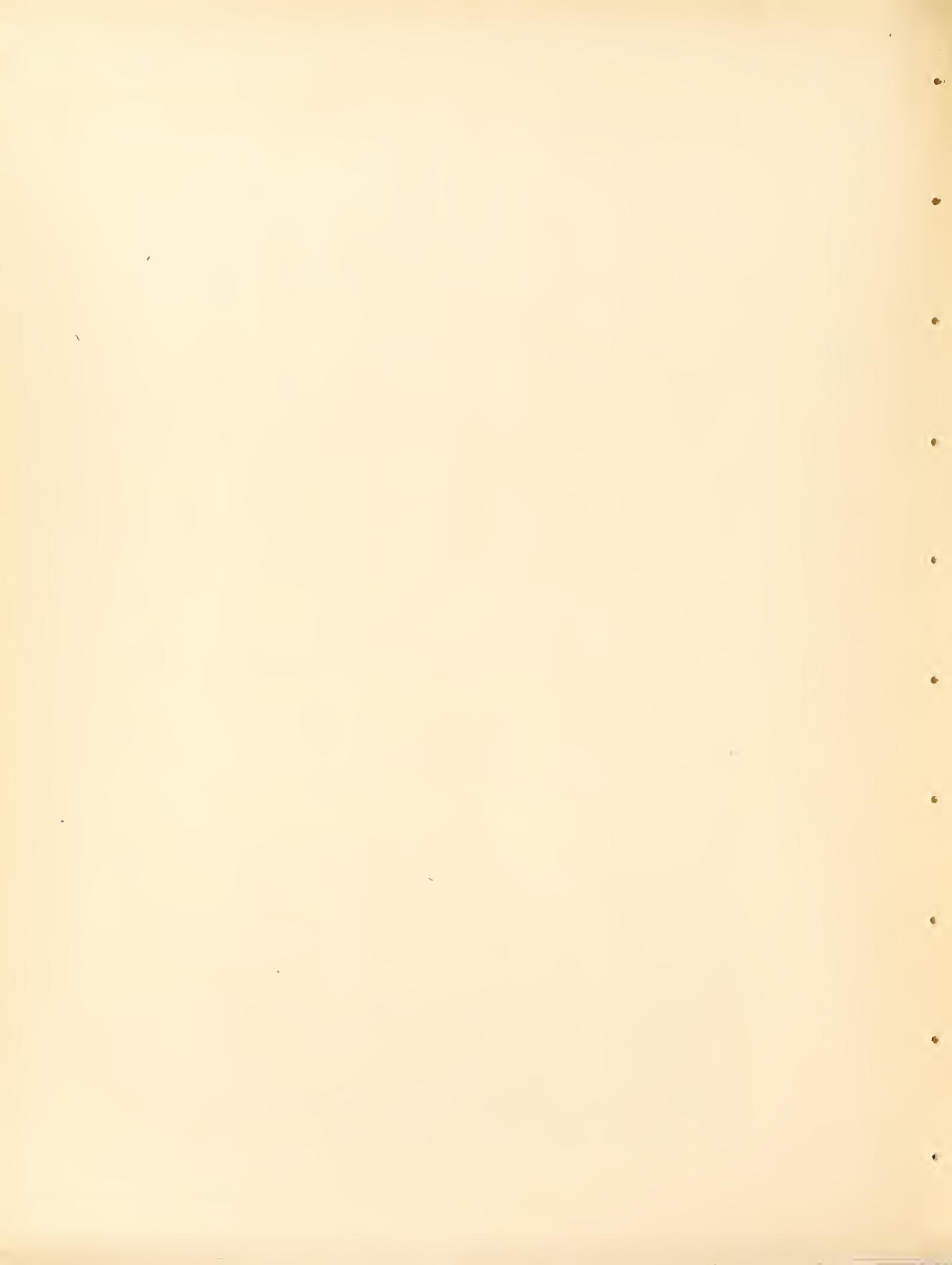
(PAUSES — PAUSE — PAUSE)

JERRY: Why don't you sit down, Jim? Breakfast is getting cold.
I'll see what's keeping Jerry — (DOOR OPENS)

JERRY: Well, it looks like we've got some trouble, Jim —

JIM: What's the matter?

JERRY: Bald Peak lines got a heavy snow. I could hardly hear
the generator on the telephone. Couldn't raise the lookout
station at all and the Windy Peak lines is so noisy I
could hardly hear anything Jack said.



JIM: I swear I can't figure out why we got so much trouble in
that line. We've never had any trouble in it until today.
JERRY: Bill said he thought he had a stroke but we don't know -
it may be fog running out of the bottom. He'd go back to
watch it and call on to the station.

PUSSES: Oh dear, I hope it is just fog.

JIM: Where is it?

JERRY: Over toward the tunnel camp — that's the spot where the
Teek. better eat a good breakfast; we're liable to have a
busy day today —

PUSSES: Hold on your coffee, Jim,

JIM: Thanks, Rose.

PUSSES: And you're Jerry —

JERRY: Thanks, Mrs. Robbins — you want me to avert the trouble
on the Bald Peak line, Jim?

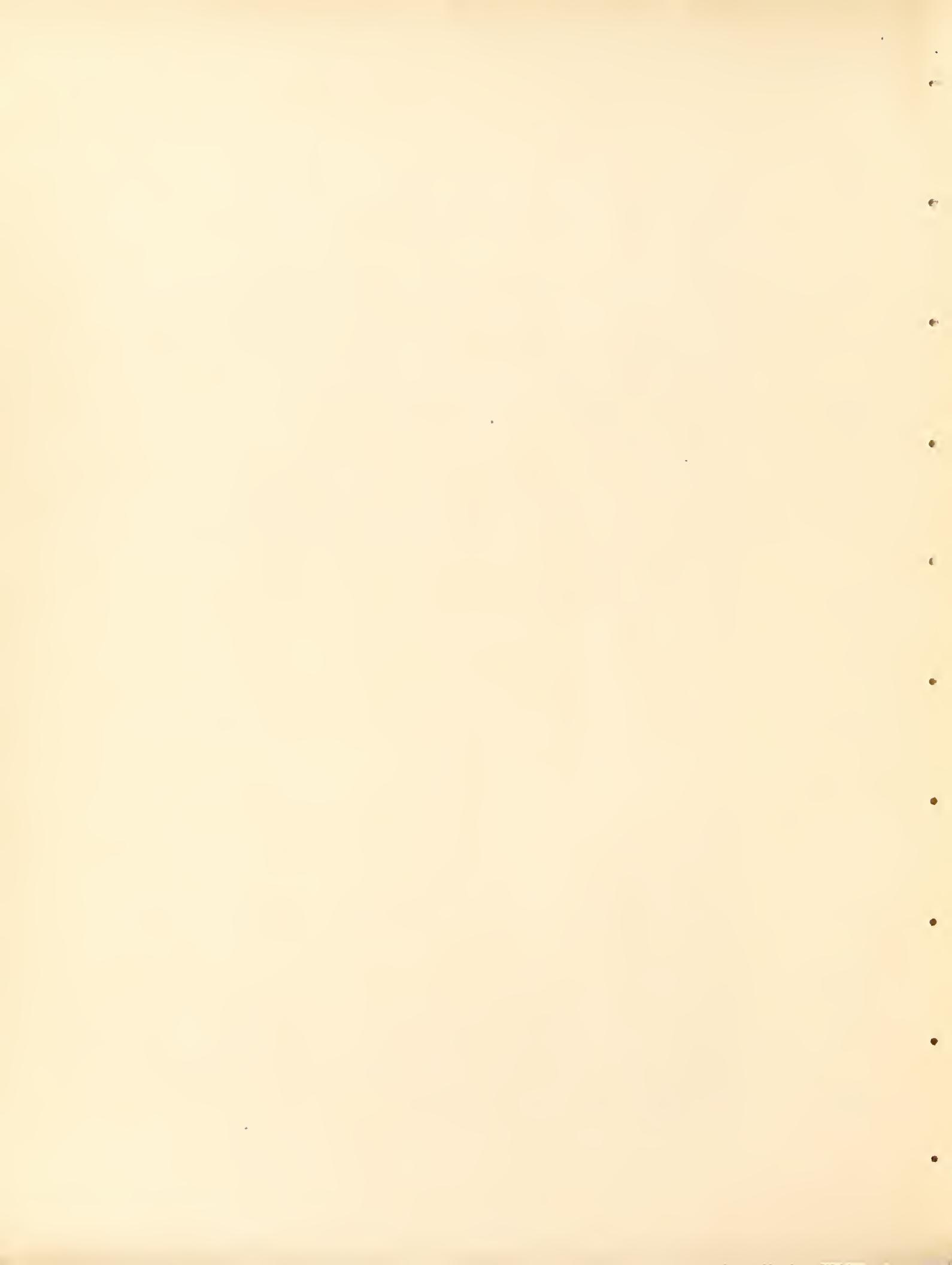
JIM: Teek — I repeat Teek is out on it all ready but you'd
better walk up from this end to meet him — that is if
we don't have to fight first.

PUSSES: Oh dear, there goes the telephone — I just know its a
fire —

JERRY: I'll get it.

JIM: Better stay with your breakfast if its a fire. (PUSSES SITS
IN CHAIR - GOES OFF) I'll want you to round up some men.

JERRY: All right. Say, Mrs. Robbins —



BESS: Some more coffee?

JERRY: Tea please and say, if I have to go to a fire will you call Mary and tell her. I promised her I'd drive over to the ranch tonight.

BESS: Yes, I'll phone her -

JIM: (BUSTLING IN) Well, it's a fire - Jerry, call the fire crew - It's up the lake road between Starr's camp and Whitney Peak. -- I'll follow you in the pick-up.

BESS: Oh, Jim!

JERRY: I'm on my way - (DOOR SHUWS)

JIM: Well, it's good-bye breakfast. Throw something into a sack. Besu, and I'll take it with me -

(SOUND OF SIREN -- OFF -- COMES UP AND GOES BT)

JIM: Jerry got quick action with the fire truck all right.

(GOING OFF) Good-bye Besu --

BESS: Goodbye, Jim - here's the rest of your breakfast -

JIM: Thanks, Besu. (DOOR SHUWS)

(FADEOUT)

(INTERVAL - MUSIC)

(FADEIN - ROAR OF FIRE - FLAMES CRACKLE)

JERRY: (BREATHLESS, WAVING UP, SHOUTS) Yeah, Bill, she's getting a good start -

BILL: Yeah - come on fellows -

VOICE: Coming -



JERRY: Bring the hose out along here and start your lines, Bill - I'll go round the fire -- Jim will be along pretty quick.

(SHOUTS) Hey, what's the matter with that man! Roll down! - (OTHERS SHOUT)

BILL: What's the matter, Jack -

JERRY: Look out Bill - that wire! - Get away from that wire! Stand back, you guys - don't touch 'em - here, grab my shovel - stand back now while I jerk that wire -

VOICES: There - here let me get 'em -

JIM: (COMING UP) What's going on here - what's the matter with those men?

JERRY: Look out Jim! - There's a hot wire. It knocked 'em down -

JIM: Pick 'em up, men, and get 'em down out o' the smoke. Jerry put some one to guard that wire. - Hey, Bill -

BILL: Yes, Jim?

JIM: Go down the road. Take my pick-up and drive to camp and tell 'em to shut off the power line. - Tell Sam to send some men and bring the doctor back with you - and dig out it --

BILL: (GOING OFF) I sure will, Jim.

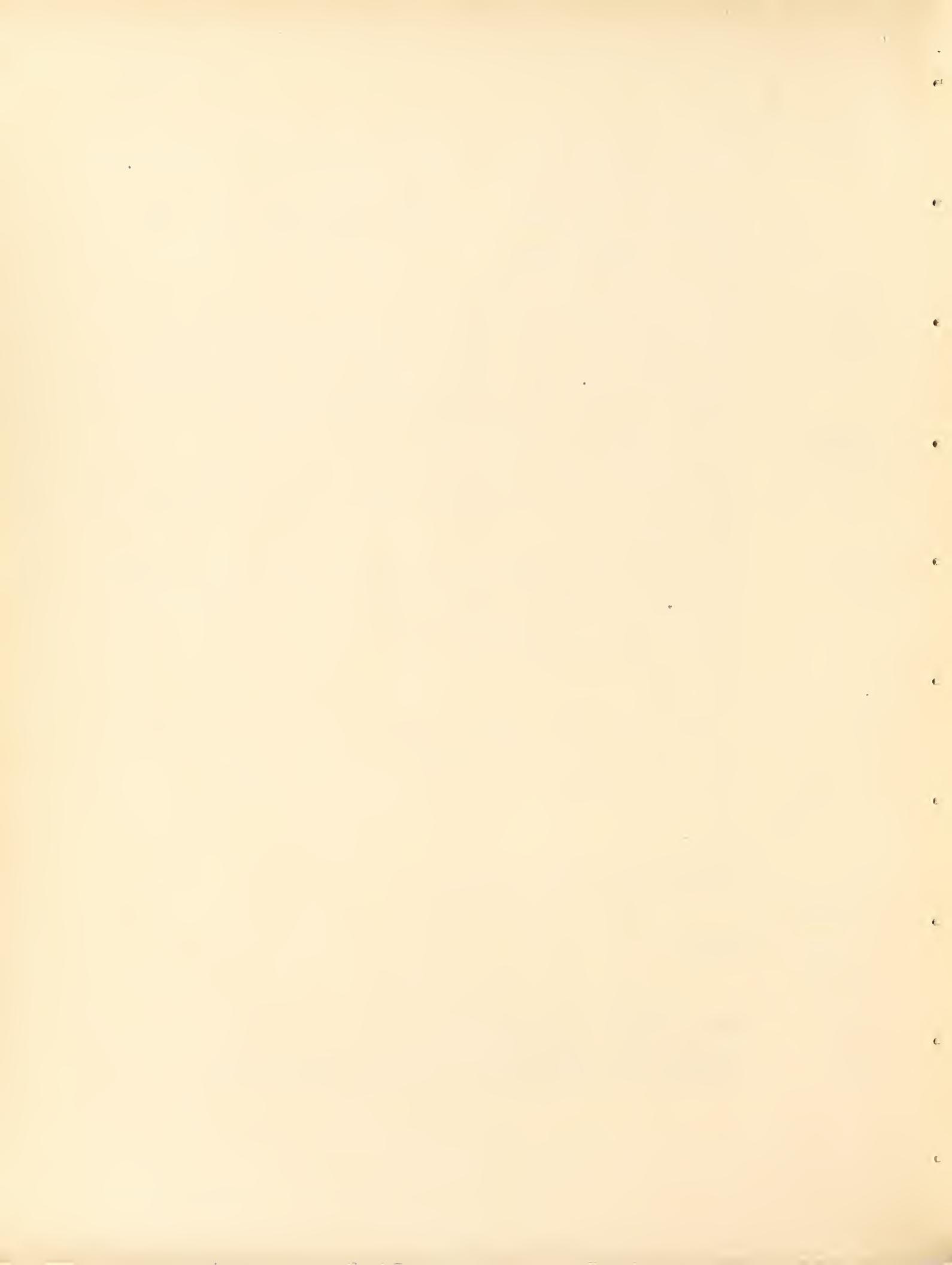
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(INTERVAL - MUSIC)

(FADEIN)

JIM: Well, Doctor - how are they?

JERRY: (COMING UP) Say, what's the news, how are they?



DOC: Well sir, those boys had a close call but they're going to come out of it all right. One of 'em has a first degree burn on one hand that grasped the wire and of course they're both suffering from shock.

JIM: You think they'll come out of it all right?

DOC: Yes, I took 'em down to the hospital at the Glen where they'll be under observation for a day or two but I don't anticipate any complications.

JIM: That's cheering news to me, doctor.

JERRY: Yes, you bet it is -- it's great! -- When I saw those fellows down on the ground with that charged wire I thought they were done for --

JIM: Well, they probably would have been killed if you hadn't managed to jerk the wire away from them, Jerry.

DOC: Yes that undoubtedly saved their lives - I think I'll go back to camp, Mr. Robbins. Just thought I'd stop and let you know how the patients are -

JERRY: Thanks very much Doctor - goodbyes -

DOC: (OFF) Goodbyes sir.

JERRY: I ran onto Starr up on the hill Jim. He has his linemen clearing that wire off the power line. He claims the fire must have been set by lightning. - He says the wire didn't have anything to do with it.

JIM: Well, we know better. - The fire started where the old telephone wire touched the ground and we know certainly that it was highly charged.

JERRY: You I think it rained the night before. The fire went across the high tension wires. It started with a dozen fires - every place it started it ground it started a fire. We're lucky the ground never has been dry.

(JIM): You're right that - the accident could've been. If it had been real dry we would have seen fire all over the mountain before we got action on it.

JERRY: Well, the boys did some work as soon as I heard you had some losses. I didn't know where that charged wire was. It was hard to see in the thick brush.

(JIM): What puzzles me is where that telephone wire came from. We haven't authorized anyone to string a wire up here -- I've not been figured out yet, Jim. Then Bill began clapping his right at you for the fourth time he pulls a light from the tunnel came down here to the power line and so he could take it down with one kick.

JIM: He didn't say anything about it to me.

JERRY: No, I spoke to him about it at the time but he said to me just a temporary line - just a small one. My wife I believe is on track.

JIM: Yes but he had no permission to put it up without a permit. Why didn't you report it?

JERRY: Well, I suppose I shouldn't - but he said it was just temporary and he'd take it down when he moved so I didn't think anymore about it.

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JEN
I think I'm going to have to get some.

JAMES
I know and you probably have (probably) the afternoon more
free. - See me, we'll catch up later after school and
we'll have something to talk about and

JEN
See the other track person I see the long knee brace
you can't see

JEN
So my knee isn't helping right but it's not enough
yet. I just added the cast but... You know like I wanted to
choose like what knee cast. The telephone pole was
about to break because that was the case and just to try to
keep my leg from getting any worse...

JEN
You have to stay there until it gets better and then the
new one comes.

JAMES
Tim

JAMES
Steve had invited Timmy to Scamp's Camp Rock.

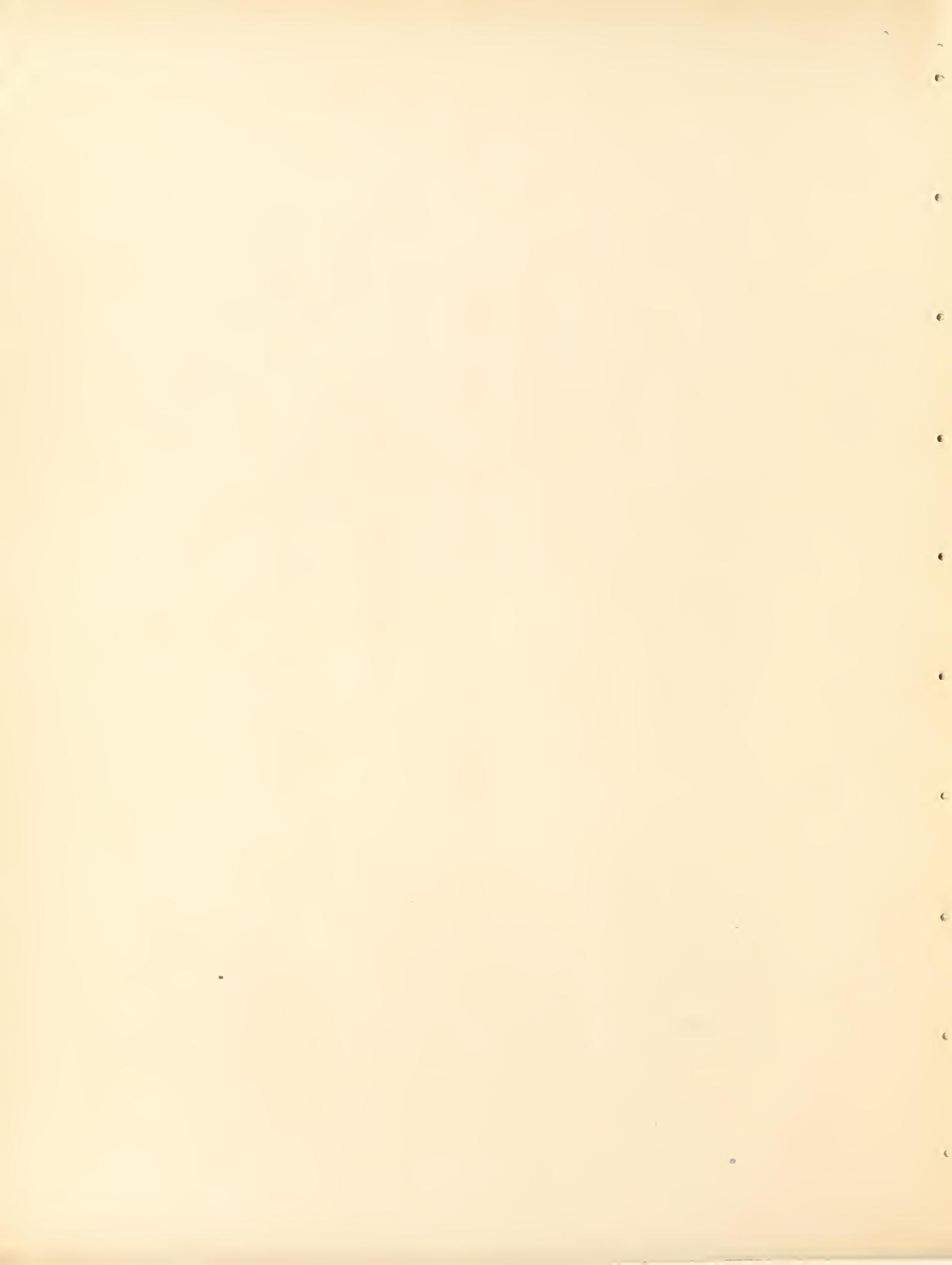
JAMES
I don't think Steve had known it. He just knew Tim to
take care for him because they were very close. His mom is
very involved and you know her and everything she does.

JEN
That makes you think he didn't care about it.

JAMES
I jumped his shoot in this afternoon. Tim or anyone I
couldn't be back more but I could tell by the look on his
face when he first saw it. And he said it was the diff-

JEN
that guy he saw there?

JAMES
He wouldn't admit it but I told him like all season long



JIM: He's smart. He can't afford to own that wife now. — Somebody's going to have to pay compensation to those men for their injuries and of course he would like to hand that obligation to Uncle Sam.

JERRY: Yeah, he's trying to cover up all right. Later I tried to get statements from some of the other linemen and they wouldn't say a word.

JIM: Starr had told them to keep their mouths shut, apparently now. All they would say was — "I don't know a thing about it, you'll have to ask Mr. Starr."

JIM: Well, we'll have to begin collecting the evidence — (LOUDER) Now that just goes to show Jerry that we can't afford to do anything in a slip-shod way — If we'd had that telephone wire covered by a permit —

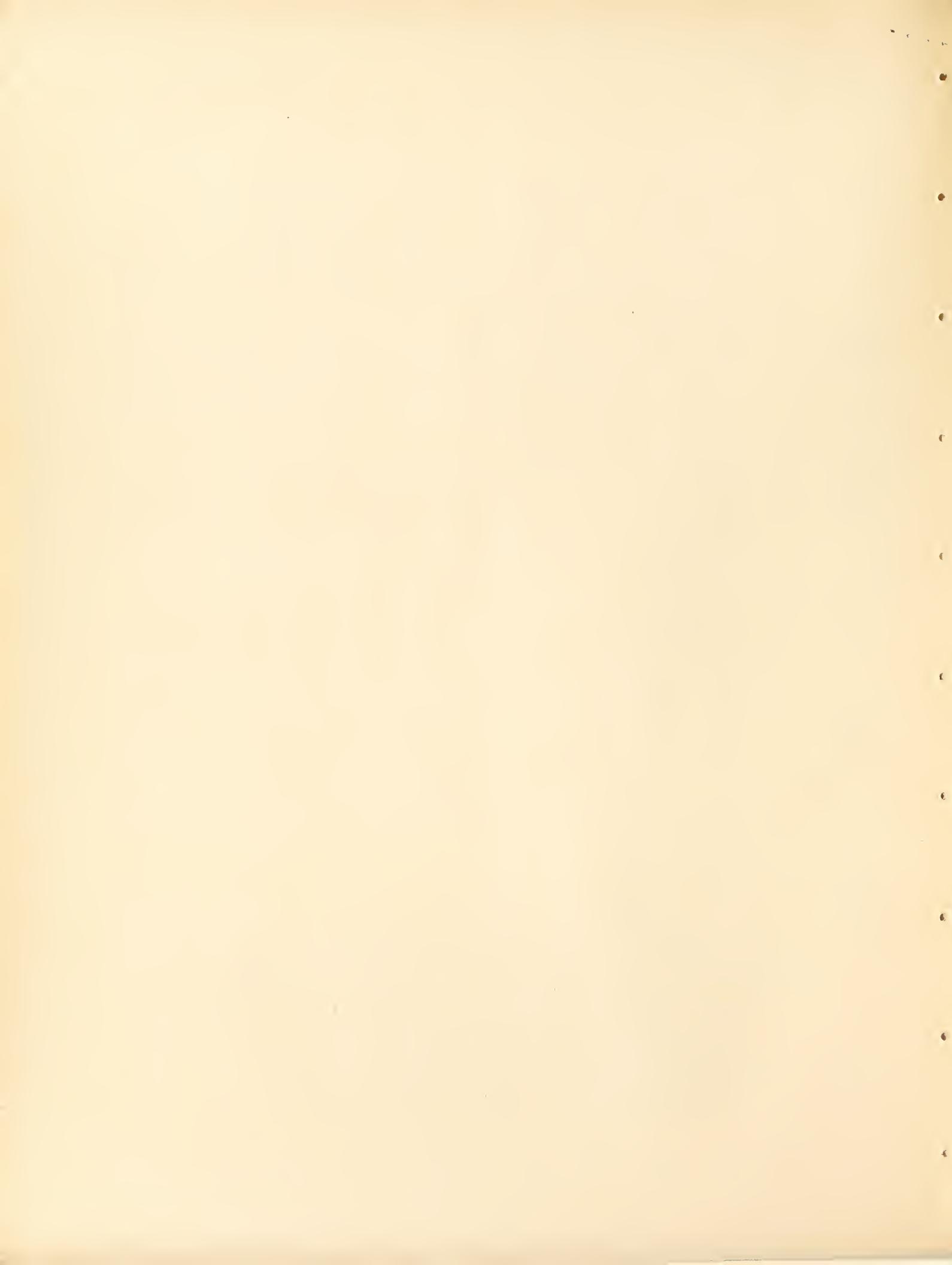
JERRY: Yeah, you're right Jim. — I should have insisted on it, but it seemed like a trivial thing to now about at the time.

JIM: Suppose those men had been killed — it wouldn't look so trivial, eh?

JERRY: Gosh, I know it, Jim.

JIM: Or suppose we have to air this case in court — it won't sound so well for two forest rangers to admit they didn't know there was a loose wife dangling over a high tension power line on their district.

JERRY: (SIGHS) I know — I should have known —



JIM: I'm not trying to rub it in Jerry. I'm just trying to emphasize the fact that on this job we have got to be systematic and thorough. To be conscientious and thorough - and know that things are done right. Let's go hunt up Starr --

(FADE OUT - MUSIC)

ANNOUNCER:

Yes sir - a forest ranger with one hundred thousand acres of forest land to manage certainly must be capable and thorough if Uncle Sam's National Forests are to be properly protected and used. Next Friday our ranger friends will be with us again. This program is presented by the National Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation of the United States Forest Service.

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